

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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ALL IV-D DIRECTORS
ALL LCSA POLICY COORDINATORSSUBJECT: VOLUNTARY DECLARATION OF PARENTAGE DCSS 0909 BEFORE
THE CHILD'S BIRTH

PURPOSE: This letter provides direction to local child support agencies (LCSAs) regarding signing a Voluntary Declaration of Parentage (VDOP) DCSS 0909 prior to the birth of a child.

BACKGROUND: In the past, LCSAs were informed that it was acceptable for military service members to sign a VDOP before the child was born if they were unable to be present at the time of the child's birth. This direction is not statutorily permitted and all use of this practice is no longer permissible.

ACTION: LCSAs shall not permit a VDOP to be signed prior to the birth of a child.

CONTACT: If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Tiffany White at (916) 464-5883.

Sincerely,

o/s

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cc: POP Coordinators

Reason for this Transmittal

- State Law, Regulation and/or Change
- Federal Law, Regulation Change
- Court Order or Settlement Change
- Clarification requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by DCSS